



News Release

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Headline: Volunteers needed for Concord's Big Sweep Cleanup

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CONCORD – The City of Concord will host a fun and safe Big Sweep Cleanup on Saturday, October 10, 2009.

NC Big Sweep is a state-wide organization committed to cleaning up North Carolina watersheds. Big Sweep Cleanups, which are organized across the state, serve to bring community volunteers together to remove trash and debris from local waterways. Big Sweep began in 1987 and has been responsible for removing more than 8 million pounds of trash from North Carolina's waterways.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mandy Smith-Thompson, environmental educator for the City of Concord at **704-920-5379** or **smithal@ci.concord**. Families, individuals, businesses, church groups, scout groups, etc. are welcome to participate! Volunteers are encouraged to register by **Monday, October 5**.

Sign-in will take place at 8am on Saturday, October 10th in the Belk parking lot of Carolina Mall (1480 Concord Pkwy N), near CMC-Northeast. Light refreshments will be available. Volunteers are encouraged to dress appropriately. We recommend dressing in layers and wearing old sneakers you don't mind getting wet or muddy. Gloves and trash bags will be provided, but volunteers may feel free to bring their own gloves, litter grabbers, etc..

For information about other local Big Sweep Cleanups, contact Dennis Testerman, NC Big Sweep Coordinator for Cabarrus County: **detesterman@cabarruscounty.us**, 704-920-3300.

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